

# Must I Use Methods I Detest When Stating F.U.A. Positions?

Now that the grain handlers' strike on the St. Lawrence appears to be settled, Canada can get on with filling her export commitments. F.U.A. comment, released to the press during the strike is printed below with a personal comment by F.U.A. president Ed Nelson.

By Ed Nelson

During the past week I have been called on to fill a role that is contrary to my nature. This has been to state the position of Alberta farmers in the light of the longshoremen strike in Montreal, and the suggestion of strike action on the part of some CPR employees. The reason this role is distasteful to me is not because I must state the farmers' position, but rather that in stating that position I am somehow expected to condemn other groups who threaten this position. I have always believed that this attitude is unrealistic and does little that is constructive in finding proper solutions.

Now, some people may wonder at my dilemma. Part of the answer lies in the fact that farmers do not have the same power as other groups. But, even if they did, and I have expressed this many times, the use of power to achieve an end only leads to countervailing power being applied until only the strongest survive. This has no bearing on what is right or wrong.

On the other hand, how do we determine right from wrong? I happen to believe that our society and our system decided what was right when it accepted a moral code to live by. This code is at the core of our religions. Any rejection of this code by any groups in our society is not acceptable to me.

Therein lies my dilemma. Am I alone, or unrealistic in my appraisal of the code we live by? If a commentator on a CBC news program the morning of October 7 is right, this could be my problem.

Dr. George Grant, Professor of Religion at McMaster University was commenting on the attitude of the public to organized crime. He says that the fact that the general public does not rise in protest against well known crime syndicates results from the realization that organized crime is part of our social system. If this is true, then it must mean that the code of ethics preached by our religious institutions is not accepted or agreed to by our "enlightened society."

So, what do I do? Accept things as they are, or at least as Dr. Grant believes they are? In so doing, how do we fight the battle with our loosely knit organization? Or, do we use the good graces of our organization to present these things to the public in the light of reason? The latter approach is much more palatable to me, and I am convinced this method will bear more fruit in the long run.

## A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY

Commenting on the strike by grain handlers in four St. Lawrence River ports, F.U.A. president Ed Nelson called for federal intervention to keep wheat exports moving.

It is the federal government's responsibility to see that a slowdown, or stoppage of this very important wheat shipment is prevented, said Mr Nelson. In order to prevent any serious blow to the total economy of Canada, the government should use its powers to put the men back to work, and to see that the necessary negotiations between the Longshoremen's Union and the Canadian Shipping Federation continue until a settlement is reached.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the grain handlers to wield a club, and I don't blame them for taking it, Mr. Nelson stated. However, the strike won't solve anything. The basic economic problems of Canada will not be solved by strikes. Unless Canada is prepared to share the work load or to distribute the means of earning a living more equitably among its people, these problems will remain.

As for the shipping companies, surely the facts of life can be recognized. If they stand to bene-

fit from extra cargos, they should be prepared to share these benefits.

There are two parties involved in this strike. By refusing to reach agreement, they are both holding up the grain shipments. From the standpoint of the Canadian economy, both are wrong.

But the fact remains that neither side has the power now to bring about a proper solution. The responsibility for finding and implementing such a solution is squarely in the lap of the Federal Government.

## Student Awarded F.U.A. Scholarship

The F.U.A. Scholarship valued at \$300 and raised by contributions from F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. groups in the County of Lacombe, has been awarded this year to Miss Geraldine Doering. Miss Doering is a 1963 graduate of Lacombe High School, and is now enrolled in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta at Calgary. The Lacombe County F.U.A. Scholarship is open to all students of the area.

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## BETTER WAYS THAN THIS MUST BE FOUND

To solve the problems we face . . .

To meet our grain sales commitments to Russia, which came about because of crop failures in Central Europe and the U.S.S.R., we must load an average of three million bushels of wheat per day into ocean freighters. Every day that goes by without this loading is a serious blow to the economic position of every Canadian.

It would be easy to put the blame on the longshoremen or the shipping companies. But this does nothing to correct the situation.

One cannot blame the longshoremen for taking advantage of a situation to wield one of the most potent clubs they have had in their hands for years. Nor can we blame the shipping companies for holding out against higher costs in their operations. We must put the blame on what ever it was that made the wielding of the club necessary in the first place.

### New Earnings

Every dollar earned by Canadians through the wheat sale will, according to economists, generate at least \$1.20 worth of new earnings and jobs. Conversely every wheat dollar lost, through delay or higher shipping costs, means there will be other earnings and jobs lost. The problems of unemployment and technological change, brought into sharp focus by the longshoremen's strike, can only be answered when Canada as a whole accepts the responsibility for removing the need of the "club." The longshoremen want much more than wages. They want what they feel is their share of our way of life.

Technology has reduced the number of jobs available in grain handling as it has in many other occupations. It has also transferred jobs from one category to another. These changes are not necessarily bad. The bad features are found in methods we use to bring about change.

Technology has done more than reduce the numbers of jobs in some areas. It has created the need for a change in our whole approach to living. It has made the "status quo" obsolete.

### Parliament Must Act

The only ones who can do anything about this in the long, or the short term, are our representatives in parliament. They can earn their \$18,000 a year by fac-

ing realities. Parliament is more than a political play-pen.

Technology has created a problem. That problem is becoming clearer, and larger each time industrial strife erupts. Government must accept the challenge and govern so that the benefits of technology will be available to all.

The federal government must now put the longshoremen back to work. In doing so, it must also guarantee their rights to bargain. In recognizing these rights, farmers are interested in a permanent solution aimed at making technology work for people. It must also be made clear that people, whether in groups or as individuals, can not remain static and still hope to gain the advantages of technological progress.

## F.U.A. OBSERVES CO-OP WEEK

Co-op Week, October 13 to 19, provides the Farmers' Union of Alberta with a chance to congratulate Alberta Co-operative Associations on the quality, and growth of their service to the people of Alberta.

Latest figures available from the Co-op Activities Branch of the Provincial Department of Industries and Development show the total active membership in Co-operatives in Alberta numbers 437,129. (There is some duplication because individuals may belong to more than one co-op). This is an increase of about 140,000 in the past 10 years.

At the same time, total volume of business done by all co-ops in the province stands at 438 million dollars, up nearly 150 million over

1952. This growth has seen Co-ops gain in net worth from 40 million to 87 million dollars in the same period.

In all of Canada, approximately 1.6 million people participate actively in co-operative enterprise. These businesses include everything from artificial breeding associations to fire-fighting co-operatives; from department stores to apartments.

The F.U.A. actively supports the co-operative way of getting things done.

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# Adventure Calls To The Young At Heart

by F.U.A. President Ed Nelson

A time or two in the past, I have made reference to a man who interests me more than a little, Mr. George Faulkner. He is self educated with very little formal education. He has worked in nearly every kind of work you can think of. He has farmed in the Edmonton district. Above all, he is 90 years old, with a mind alert as any I have ever met, and he is a free thinker.

Mr. Faulkner objects to the attitude of most people around him, especially those who cannot, or will not see as he does, that the capitalist system is on its way

out. He is not one who claims that the system is wrong, and he fully believes it has fulfilled a necessary purpose in the evolution of mankind. He simply claims it has fulfilled its purpose, and we should now be ready to go on to better things.

I think it is largely because he has not found many sympathetic ears in Alberta that he turned to Cuba last year. He became interested in what was happening there, and went to see for himself.

As a result of this visit, Mr. Faulkner is now planning to return to Cuba before the end of October. This time, he is taking several hundred head of ewe lambs and some machinery with him. He is convinced he can show the people in Cuba better methods of livestock breeding and feeding. He also believes he can get some good Alberta grass and legumes to grow in Cuba. He says, "What the Cu-

bans need most of all is food. They have the land. I intend to show them how to use it."

#### Progress Over Politics

Cuba's politics? Mr. Faulkner is not concerned with politics. He says the Cubans are interested in progress, and that is what he is interested in. Are they making mistakes? Sure, lots of them. He intends to help them avoid some.

Now I ask you, how about that for initiative? "Go West young man" used to be the advice given to the young and ambitious. Later, the cry was "Go North," and again it was—"young man."

I suppose we could coin another phrase and say "Go South, old man," and most people would expect them to go south to relax. Not Mr. Faulkner! He has a job to do.

At 90, Mr. Faulkner is looking forward to adventure that would fire the imagination of any youngster. He has promised to keep us posted on his activities, and for that purpose, he is taking his daughter Effie with him. He says she will do the letter writing.

All we can say from here is—good luck Mr. Faulkner, and thank you for showing us "youngsters" up for the weaklings we are.



Beverly Edwards

A first year U. of A. Home Economics student, Beverly Edwards of Mayerthorpe, has been awarded one of the three \$200 Alberta Wheat Pool scholarships in Home Economics for 1963. Miss Edwards has been a member of the Mayerthorpe 4-H Clothing Club for six years. She has held many offices, has been a junior leader, and an outstanding competitor at Provincial 4-H Eliminations.

## Boundary Changes Bring New Numbers To Locals

New district boundaries go into effect on November 1. Here is a list of locals affected by the boundary changes. Some locals have new numbers. Check the list to see if your local is one of these.

New No.	LOCAL	Old No.	New No.	LOCAL	Old No.
342	Busby	542	658	Derwent	717
413	Egremont	613	660	Innisfree	731
416	Eldorena	614	679	Woodville	782
450	Redwater	653	686	Bowling Green	781
451	Radway	651	687	Zora	764
479	Woodgrove	679	696	Longridge	828
407	Egremont (FW)	607	601	Champlain (FW)	401
504	Bon Accord	656	608	Lornedale (FW)	808
511	Gibbons	618	611	Maple Lodge (FW)	811
515	Fedorah	615	612	Viking Valley (FW)	812
524	Notre Dame	686	616	Myrnam (FW)	720
525	Horse Hill	625	622	Pathfinder (FW)	719
539	Namoo	639	602	Champlain (Jr.)	409
575	Wauha	675	815	Canard	911
502	Bon Accord (FW)	612	817	E. Hay Lakes	916
503	Notre Dame (FW)	608	820	Fleet	1120
603	Bruno	709	821	Federal	1118
604	Buczacz	710	822	Brownfield, Silver Hts	752
607	Bruce	866	823	Melbrae	737
613	Holmdene	823	824	Big Hay Lakes	907
614	Champlain	414	830	Endiang	1115
615	Lornedale	829	840	S. Castor	1136
616	Viking	840	841	Talbot	1113
617	Maple Lodge	817	855	Strong	755
618	Hamilton	751	804	Fleet (FW)	1104
621	Holden	822	1027	Hussar	1305
625	Iron Creek	824	1030	Makepeace	1312
635	Braes	735	1032	Wintering Hills	1326
636	Lake Alice	767	1002	Hussar (FW)	1304
637	Lefield	790	1005	Jubilee (FW)	1310
638	Morecambe	738	1003	Rocket (Jr.)	1301
639	Myrnam	739	1202	Badger Lake	1406
641	Old Beauvallon	740	1305	Bow Island	1402
643	Pathfinder	766	1312	Burdett	1403
650	Poe	865	1317	Conquerville	1410
653	Kopernick	853	1319	Foremost	1407
654	Stony Rapid	754	1320	Hoping	1426
655	Claysmore-Stell	746	1322	Whitla	1411
656	Stubno	756	1402	Barons	1202

#### FWUA STUDY

## NEW ZEALAND Agricultural Welfare State

By Della Holt, F.W.U.A. Director, District 5

New Zealanders are proud of what they have achieved in the short space of a century. They believe that they have made it possible for everyone on their islands to lead happy lives, free from the fear of poverty.

Pensions granted to the old and disabled are generous, and a free medical service for everyone has been operating for more than 15 years.

Homes, schools and hospitals are spacious and well equipped.

New Zealanders care little for the art of conversation, but they are sociable and friendly. Because they live in the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are reversed. It is summer in December and spring comes in August and September.

Their country is small and far removed from the cultural and political centres of the world. They have sheep farms, or dairy farms — not mixed. The whole dairy industry is geared to the export trade. Every few miles can be seen a dairy factory where milk is converted into butter and cheese. Dairying in New Zealand is a young industry. Britain gets half of all the butter and cheese she consumes from New Zealand, and a thousand tons of meat a day.

#### Plans Tentative For F.U.A. Bonspiel

A province-wide F.U.A. Bonspiel has been tentatively scheduled for the Sportex Building at the Edmonton Exhibition Grounds on March 10 and 11, Tuesday and Wednesday.

All F.U.A. members are eligible to enter the preliminary playoffs leading to the bonspiel. Each of the 14 Districts will send one rink to the two-day final. These teams, survivors of local, sub-district, and district playdowns, will have all expenses paid.

Further details and entry forms will appear shortly in the O. F. Watch for them.

#### 49 Million Sheep

New Zealand has large sheep farming stations. It is sometimes believed that a sheep farmer just sits back and waits for the wool to grow on his sheep, and when the time comes, shears the wool and packs it off to the woolen mills. However, the business is hardly that simple.

The world's champion sheep shearer, Godfrey Bowen, a New Zealander made his name by shearing 463 sheep in a day. They have need of this high speed technique because there are nearly 49 million sheep in New Zealand and there are only a few thousand shearers.

Bill Martin, a farmer, is responsible for organizing a training school for shearers to beat the shortage. It's working pretty well.

#### A Big Producer

The fields in New Zealand are always stocked heavily. Agricultural shows are large and well attended. Perhaps there are more family farms, where the farmer is not an overseer, but does all of his work himself with assists from his wife and children, than elsewhere. At the end of the last war the Royal New Zealand Air Force perfected a technique of dropping fertilizer from the air. Now thousands of tons are spread this way every year. It means a big boost for agricultural production. New Zealand, with its two and a half million population, already exports more than 270 million pounds of produce (\$756,000,000 worth) every year.

New Zealand is too tiny a country and its population too small to make or unmake the wider policies of men. But within the shores of their remote and lovely islands,



Linda Stepenoff

For seven years an active member of 4-H clubs, Linda Stepenoff of Paradise Valley has been awarded a \$200 Alberta Wheat Pool scholarship for her third year of Home Economics studies at the University of Alberta. Miss Stepenoff is a Canadian National Exhibition scholarship winner, and she has attended National Club Week in Toronto.



Marion Blades

Another winner of a \$200 Alberta Wheat Pool scholarship is Miss Marion Blades of Ohaton. She is a second year Home Economics student at the University of Alberta. Miss Blades was active in 4-H work for four years. She was club efficiency winner twice. She attended Club Week at Vermilion, and was finalist in the 4-H Provincial Public Speaking Competition.

New Zealanders have established as just and ordered a community as any in the world, with two races, the native Maories and the whites, living in harmony side by side. That in itself is no ignoble achievement.

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**{ WITH A 2 YEAR  
OR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**YOU are the UNION**

**RE-NEW, THEN SEE YOUR NEIGHBORS  
ON U-DAY NOVEMBER 13th**

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# RESOLUTIONS TO ANNUAL CONVENTION DECEMBER 9 - 13

Save this section and take it along to your November Meeting

## 1. PRESIDENT'S TERM OF OFFICE

In section 8, sub-section (d) of the constitution add: "unless extended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the delegates present and voting at any annual convention."

—District 3 and 9 Boards

## 2. TERM OF OFFICE FOR F.U.A. PRESIDENT

RESOLVED that section 8 sub-section (d) on page 17 be amended by deleting the word "five" and substituting the word "six."

—Hillside-West Liberty Local 927

## 3. FIVE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED that section 15 (General) shall be amended by adding a new sub-section (J):

"No official of the F.U.A. from the president down to the local level shall be eligible to hold any one office for more than five consecutive years."

This amendment shall take effect at all elections held during the year 1964.

—Districts 2, 3, 9, 11, 12 Conventions

## 4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Delete sub-section (c) of Section 8 and substitute the following:

"The three Executive members shall be elected for a three-year term, one member being elected at each Annual Convention by transferable ballot."

NOTE: In order to put this new system into effect at the 1963 Annual Convention, the candidate having the highest number of votes will be elected for three years, the next highest for two years, and the next highest for one year.

—District 12 Convention

## 5. DELEGATE STANDING FOR CO-OPS

RESOLVED that section 7 sub-section (d) be amended by adding the following:

"Each Agricultural Producer Co-operative shall have a right to send one delegate to the F.U.A. Annual Convention. Such delegates must be members of the F.U.A."

—F.U.A. & F.W.U.A. Boards

## 6. JUNIOR AGE

In sub-section A of section 13, delete "27" and insert "21."

—District 13 Convention

## 7. ELECTION OF JUNIOR OFFICIALS

RESOLVED that in section 13 sub-section (c) 5, at the end of the first paragraph insert the following:

"Provided however that no district shall be entitled to elect a Junior Director unless such district has a minimum of 100 junior members or three organized Junior locals."

—District 13 Convention

## 8. JUNIOR ON DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLVED that in section 6, sub-section (f) add the following:

The district shall appoint some person to be responsible for junior activities within the district."

—District 13 Convention

## ORGANIZATIONAL

### 9. MEMBERSHIP DUES

RESOLVED that F.U.A. dues be increased to \$7.00 to help meet increasing expenses of the Farmers' Union.

District 2 Convention

### 10. F.U.A. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

RESOLVED that the membership dues be increased to \$10.00 for family units for 1965.

—District 10 Conventions

### 11. F.U.A. MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED that the F.U.A. membership fee be \$6.00 per farm unit for one year or \$10.00 for two years.

—District 5 Convention

### 12. MUNICIPAL COLLECTION OF DUES

RESOLVED that collection of membership dues through counties and municipalities be discontinued.

—District 3 Convention

### 13. F.U.A. MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED that membership in the F.U.A. be compulsory to all farmers.

—District 4 Convention

### 14. CANVASSERS' COMMISSIONS

RESOLVED that locals not receive canvassers' commissions, but rather that this money be retained in Central Office.

—District 9 Board

### 15. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR F.U.A.

RESOLVED that the F.U.A. with other farm organizations give consideration to having limited funds set aside from the sale of major farm produce as a source of revenue for the F.U.A.

—District 13 Convention

### 16. ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESOLVED that the date of the annual convention be changed to January.

—District 14 F.W.U.A. Conference

### 17. RESOLUTIONS AT CONVENTION

RESOLVED that all resolutions brought before the annual con-

vention have a direct bearing on farming, farmers, and/or F.U.A. policy.

—District 12 Convention

### 18. GROUP PICTURE AT CONVENTION

RESOLVED that no group picture of the delegates at the convention be taken.

—F.U.A. Board

### 19. EVENING PROGRAM AT CONVENTION

RESOLVED that no important speakers, panels, convention's business be on the evening program at the annual convention.

F.U.A. Board

### 20. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

RESOLVED that Canadian farm groups jointly arrange appropriate functions for the centennial celebrations in 1967, to commemorate the farmers' position in the nation's development during the past century.

—District 3 Convention

### 21. MATERIAL FROM CENTRAL OFFICE

RESOLVED that we take strong exception to the action of the F.U.A. Board in allowing the F.U.A. to be used to carry out opinion polls on complex and contradictory topics for outside organizations, which we do not, as a group understand or support.

—District 12 Convention

## PROVINCIAL

### 22. HUTTERITE COLONIES

RESOLVED that we request the provincial government to allow the establishment of one Hutterite colony in each county, municipal district or improvement district in which there are no such colonies, until every county, municipal district or improvement district in the province has one Hutterite colony within its boundaries, and

FURTHER that they disallow the establishment of Hutterite colonies in any county, municipal district or improvement district with one or more colonies within its boundaries now.

—District 12 Convention

### 23. PETROLEUM REFINING

RESOLVED that a commission be set up to study the petroleum refining process in the Peace River Country to determine the cause of the high cost of the refined products.

—District 1 Convention

### 24. POLLING BOOTHS

RESOLVED that we ask the governments to re-assess the electoral set-up, the aim being to cut down the number of polling booths to a more realistic number.

—District 12 Convention

### 25. SOIL TESTING LABORATORY

RESOLVED that the F.U.A. ask the provincial government to place a soil testing laboratory at Lethbridge for the purpose of testing the use of fertilizers in irrigation areas.

—District 14 Convention

### 26. CONVERT MUSKEGS

RESOLVED that we ask the provincial department of agriculture to enter into an agreement with the federal department of agriculture with the object of establishing an experimental farm on muskeg areas for the purpose of finding the best ways and means to convert these practically useless areas into productive hay and pasture areas.

—District 5 Convention

### 27. PLANTING OF SHELTER BELTS

RESOLVED that a permit be required before the removal of forest cover; such permit to be obtained from a committee of three, two members to be appointed by the Agricultural Service Board or similar organization, and the third member to be the owner of the land.

—District 1 Convention

### 28. GOLD EYE LAKE

RESOLVED that we request the provincial government to put Gold Eye Lake on all official road maps of Alberta.

—District 9 Convention

—Jr. F.U.A. Annual Meeting

### 29. SPECIAL AREAS

RESOLVED that as long as high lease rental rates continue, we request the special rates and the provincial government to take full responsibility for financing the balance of permanent improvements such as dams, dugouts, etc. on this lease land.

—District 11 Convention

## FEDERAL

### 30. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments adopt a policy of developing secondary industries, both those using Canadian raw materials and those completing the production of semi-processed materials to provide more employment in Canada, that, if necessary, this be done through the establishment of crown corporations.

—District 7 Board

### 31. SUSPENSION OF RAILWAY BRANCH LINES

RESOLVED that we ask the government to set up a commission



to study the social and economic implication involved in suspension of railway branch line service and make their findings public.

—District 6 Convention  
—F.U.A. Board

### 32. EMBARGO ON IMPORTS

RESOLVED that when livestock prices drop to support price levels, an embargo be placed on imports until the market has recovered.

—District 5 Convention

### 33. PARTY SYSTEM

RESOLVED that the F.U.A. work for a political party system under which the House of Commons would be elected for a fixed term and all parties be responsible for the carrying on of the government.

District 9 Convention

### 34. NUCLEAR FALL-OUT

RESOLVED that we urge the federal government to oppose all nuclear testing, and

FURTHER that they set up adequate testing facilities to enable them to make weekly reports to the public.

—District 10 Convention

### 35. FARM MACHINERY CROSSING U.S. BORDER

RESOLVED that operators bringing farm machinery across the United States border be required to have their machinery properly disinfected and cleaned, so as to not carry infected soil particles.

—District 14 Convention

### 36. GRADING LUMBER

RESOLVED that all small sawmill operators be able to get their lumber government graded the same as the large operators and mills.

—District 9 Convention

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 37. M.S.I.

RESOLVED that we ask M.S.I. to implement a \$25.00 deductible policy and thus bring about a reduction of premiums.

—District 8 Convention

## GRAIN, SEEDS AND SPECIAL CROPS POLICY

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 8.

**Suggested Changes and Additions to Policy recommended by Committee**

1. That there be no change in the Canadian Wheat Board Act which would permit splitting the oat pool into two or more periods within one crop year.

—District 2 Convention

2. That the marketing of flax, rye and rapeseed be under the Canadian Wheat Board.

—District 1 Convention

**Other Changes to Policy suggested by Resolutions**

3. That the federal government continue to pay acreage payments on an annual basis until a better system is implemented.

—Districts 3 & 4 Conventions

4. That we request the federal government to set up machinery to withhold one cent a bushel from the final payment on all wheat marketed through the Canadian Wheat Board, as a set-aside to create a fund to help newly developed countries, who do not have a credit rating with Canada, to purchase Canadian wheat, and FURTHER that the set aside shall never exceed 24 million dollars as it is not meant to replace the present federal government credit guarantees.

—District 1 Convention

5. That the Canadian Wheat Board be returned to the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

—District 1 Board

Grain Seeds & Special Crops Committee

—J. Muza

—C. Versluys

—G. Finlay

## LIVESTOCK POLICY

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 11.

**Suggested Changes and Additions to Policy recommended by Committee**

1. Under Marketing, section 1 on page 11 of policy handbook delete "immediately after the Agricultural Products Marketing Act has been amended to allow for a two-thirds majority of those voting" an insert—"at a time when other Prairie Provinces are moving in this direction."

—Livestock Committee

2. That the provincial government study the possibilities of starting a warble fly program.

—District 10 Convention

3. That all imported beef be stamped "Canada Approved Imported," and indicate the country of origin.

—Districts 1, 4 & 6 Conventions

**Changes to Policy Suggested by Resolutions**

4. That the provincial government assist artificial breeding associations with a grant of 50c per cow bred.

—District 10 Convention

5. That the federal government increase the support price on eggs.

—District 4 Convention

6. That the federal government re-instate the \$1.00 per head bonus on Grade B-1 hogs.

—District 9 Convention

7. That the federal government institute a policy of supervised weighing of dressed beef carcasses, and further that market quotations carry dressed weight prices.

—District 10 Convention

8. That all livestock dealers be required to carry larger bonds for the protection of the livestock seller.

—District 7 Board

Livestock Committee

—Paul Babey

—A. H. Anderson

—K. Newton

## FARM CREDIT

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 29.

**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolution**

1. THAT the first payment on farm loans not fall due, until the end of the second year after which a farm loan is made.

—District 5 Convention

Farm Credit Policy Committee

—C. J. Versluys

—R. Page

—Mrs. F. A. Sissons

—D. Sharon

## CROP INSURANCE

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 15.

**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolutions**

1. THAT the P.F.A. Act be amended so that a township may be divided for the purpose of determining the average yield in that portion.

—District 13 Convention

2. THAT the F.U.A. organize a meeting with representation from the U.G.G., Wheat Pool, County Councils, supervisors of P.F.A. and other farm organizations to devise a more equitable way of compensation for crop losses from natural causes for all regions, as the present P.F.A. Act is inadequate.

—District 9 Convention

3. THAT a more equitable plan be adopted whereby less monies will be allocated into expense channels and more monies will be paid on a true merit basis to producers by the use of one of the following alternate plans for the assimilation of information required under the Act:

(1) that it be the responsibility of each producer to submit direct to the regional offices of the P.F.A. all information as may be required when required and attested to under oath;

(2) that the agent of the Canadian Wheat Board who is the purchaser of the grains delivered by the producer be responsible for submitting such information as is required as attested to by the producer under oath and that it be required by law in either of these plans that such information be supplied by a definite date each year much like the laws now covering the filing of Income Tax.

—District 11 Convention

Crop Insurance Committee

—Henry Young

—Jerald Hutchinson

—W. D. Lea

## ELECTRIC POWER

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 28.

**Suggested Changes and Additions to Policy recommended by Committee**

1. Recommended as substitute for Section 5 in Power Policy.

THAT the F.U.A. urge the Alberta Government to appoint a commission of unbiased experts to make a full investigation of the electric power situation in Alberta to make recommendations for the future development and control of power.

—District 9 Convention

2. THAT we reaffirm our support of the F.U.A. policy on electric power, and

FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the M.L.A.'s.

—District 6 Convention

3. THAT there should be no indifference in cost to the farmer regardless of what company serves him with power.

—District 6 Convention

**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolutions**

4. THAT until the F.U.A. power policy is enforced we request the Provincial Government to have all power companies set standard rulings for maintenance fees, brushing policies, and distributing of monies with R.E.A.'s.

—District 6 Convention

5. THAT the reduction in the rates of power start at 400 kilowatts per month for all sizes of transformers.

—District 10 Convention

Electric Power Committee

—Henry Young

—Harry Gordon

## MUNICIPAL FINANCE

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook — page 18.

1. THAT the Provincial Government change the Municipal Act so that only bona fide farmers be eligible for nomination for county or municipal councillors.

—District 4 Convention

2. THAT the taxes for education purposes be based on net income rather than the present assessment.

—District 10 Convention

3. THAT the placing of District Grant Highways be left to the government engineers, instead of to county councillors as at present.

—District 4 Convention

Municipal Finance Committee

—W. Hansel

—Henry Young

## SURFACE RIGHTS POLICY

**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolution**

**Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 36.

1. That the present strip mines and borrow pits be left in a condition as near natural as possible for safety, public appearance and useful purposes.

—District 5 Convention

Surface Rights Committee

—D. Whitney

—H. Kotscherofski



**GAME POLICY****Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 30.**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolutions**

1. That the hunting season for deer, moose and elk start on the same date, November 1st.  
—District 5 Convention
2. That we condemn the use of deadly poisons as a means of predator control.  
—District 8 Convention
3. That the Provincial Government reserve several lakes, strategically situated throughout the province for angling only, and that speed-boats be barred from such lakes.  
—District 3 Convention
4. That the Provincial Government assist in reducing the number of starlings and English sparrows, where they congregate in towns and cities, by the most practical and humane method.  
—District 9 Convention
5. That a farmer not be required to renew wildlife insurance every year to collect crop damage, unless he has collected on a damage claim.  
—District 8 Convention
6. That the Farmers' Union of Alberta support the Fish and Game Association in their attempt to have a hunter training course established in Alberta.  
—District 7 Board

**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolutions**

7. That hunters found under the influence of liquor, or with liquor in their possession while hunting, have their license cancelled and their equipment confiscated.  
—District 7 Board  
Game Committee  
—G. Finlay  
—H. Gordon  
—P. Ference

**HIGHWAY SAFETY****Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 22.**Suggested Changes and Additions to Policy recommended by Committee**

1. That the Provincial Government be asked to change the Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act so that in an accident in which livestock are involved, the negligence of the owner of such livestock must be proven before he can be prosecuted.  
—District 14 Convention
2. That where railway crossings used by school busses are obscured by buildings along the tracks, the crossings be examined periodically and signal lights installed where necessary.  
—District 1 Convention

**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolutions**

3. That a farmer or rancher be given a certain time to produce his or her driver's license, or the number of it be sufficient until produced.  
—District 11 Convention  
Highway Safety Committee  
—Mrs. F. Hollum  
—Ed Nelson
4. Section 89 of the Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act, sub-section 6 be amended by adding clause (c) which serves as community pastures or private pastures  
—District 10 Convention
5. In section 89, sub-section (1) of the Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act insert in the last line before the word "traffic" the words "normal flow of."  
—District 10 Convention

**INCOME TAX****Present Policy** — see 1963 Policy Handbook—page 33.**Changes to Policy suggested by Resolution**

1. That business or professional persons whose net income exceeds \$3000.00 annually and who engage in agriculture as a side-line occupation shall not be allowed to deduct operating expenses or depreciation on capital costs for income tax purposes.  
—District 5 Convention  
Income Tax Committee  
—W. D. Lea  
—K. Jensen

**F.W.U.A. RESOLUTIONS****HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE****38. CHRONIC HOSPITALS**

RESOLVED that we ask the Provincial Government to take steps to supply Chronic Hospitals in different areas throughout the Province until such time as there are sufficient hospital beds for all chronic cases.

—District 10 Convention

**39. BUILDINGS AND STAFF FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT**

RESOLVED that the Provincial Government provide the necessary buildings and staff for the psychiatric treatment of homosexuals, rapists, sadists and other mentally disturbed persons who may benefit from such special care.

—District 5 Convention

**40. FAMILY ALLOWANCES**

RESOLVED that family allowances be paid until the child is 18 years of age providing they are still attending school.

—District 5 Convention

**41. RELIGIOUS BARRIER GOVERNING ADOPTION**

RESOLVED that we petition the Provincial Government to have the religious barrier governing adoption of children amended so that children may be placed in otherwise suitable adoptive homes, and

FURTHER that a mother giving up her child be required to state the religion she prefers for her child or state that the child may be placed in any suitable home at the discretion of the directors of child welfare.

—F.W.U.A. Board

**42. MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR PEACE RIVER AREA**

RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to establish a Mental Hospital for psychiatric treatment in the Peace River Area.

—District 1 Convention

**43. AUXILIARY HOSPITALS**

RESOLVED that we request the Provincial and Federal Governments to amend the grant structure of Auxiliary Hospitals to permit those requiring care to be admitted to the Auxiliary Hospitals until Nursing Homes are constructed.

—District 7 F.W.U.A. Conference

**EDUCATION****44. AGE FOR LEAVING SCHOOL**

RESOLVED that the minimum age for leaving school be raised to 16 unless the student has completed grade X or vocational training.

—F.W.U.A. Board

**CITIZENSHIP****45. ESTATE TAX**

RESOLVED that the estate tax act be amended by raising the amount exempt from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and

FURTHER that no tax be payable until both man and wife are dead.

—District 11 Convention

**46. F.W.U.A. CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR**

RESOLVED that in the future we invite both Indian and Eskimo young people to participate in our Citizenship Seminar now established at Gold Eye Lake.

**47. F.W.U.A. ORGANIZATION**

RESOLVED that at least two years of study be given to the F.W.U.A. locals before any major change takes place in the Women's Section of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

—District 12 Convention

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# Dist. 9 Cabin Dedication

By Ed Nelson

On Sunday morning October 6, some 30 dedicated members and their families from District 9 trekked to the Junior Camp at Gold Eye Lake. They had an important duty to perform; to dedicate a cabin donated to the camp by District 9.

After several days of dull cloudy weather, Sunday was bright and sunny. While the lay was a bit chilly with a feel of winter in the air, it was enjoyed by the group. Morely Bradley, the camp caretaker, had the power on and lunch was warmed up on the electric range in the kitchen. The group ate their lunch in front of the huge fireplace in the pavilion. With a plentiful supply of dry pine wood it was possible to get the full benefit of a huge fire and the atmosphere that goes with it.

Later in the day a metal plaque was installed on the dormitory cabin, and a short dedication ceremony completed the formalities. The fourth cabin to be financed by a local or district, officially became the property of the camp, and is now ready to perform its part in a new era in the organizational efforts of Alberta farm people.

A point of interest was the fact that one of the oldest members, both in terms of age and of continuous membership, Mr. Frank Rice, was present. Mr. Rice, who is active and mentally alert in spite of his 80 odd years, is an enthusiastic camp booster. He visualized the role and the purpose of such a camp long ago, and he sincerely believes that introducing young people to organization by way of the camp is a sound idea. He is certain that its effect on the F.U.A. will be all to the good.

## Pioneer Family

Another dedicated and enthusiastic family present was that of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hall. Mr. Hall served as Camp Father for the first teen camp. While Mr. and Mrs. Hall are pioneers of the Lacombe district, as members of that community they also have a very great pride in the fact that they were part of the pioneering in this camp project.

Before signing off this report, I

## BASIC DIVIDENDS

One of the early proposals of Social Credit was the Social Dividend, or Basic Dividend as it came to be called in Alberta. The proposal itself was conceived of the fact that automation and mechanization had virtually solved all problems of production and the remaining problem was one of distribution.

But distribution is based on the amount of money available—purchasing power. And money reached the consumer principally via wages and salaries. But if mechanization, automation, the assembly line and mass production techniques threw workers out of their jobs, they lacked the money to buy the goods which the machines produced.

The Social Credit proposal was to pay a Social or Basic Dividend to everyone so that the unsaleable surplus might be sold. The dividend itself would be a creation of credit, based on the ability of the community, its workers, investors and machines, to deliver goods and services as, when and where required.

"Printing press money!" the cry went up. "Fallacy," echoed others. "Crazy," yelled others. "How can you make money out of nothing?"

Today, no one denies that money (credit) is made out of nothing more than faith in future production and the printing press doesn't enter largely into it at all. Likewise, no one denies today that automation is gradually whittling down the number of jobs open to the elderly, the children leaving

want to pay tribute to the magnificent job Mr. Morley Bradley has done as camp caretaker.

It was a pleasure to arrive at the camp on Sunday to find everything in perfect order. He has done a beautiful job of housekeeping both inside and out. The hillside in front of the pavilion was cleaned up, with all the rubbish and dry limbs from the trees gathered in neat piles, ready to burn. He had also completed a stairway down to the lake which only needs some kind of hand railing on the side to make it a real convenience for young and old. We owe Mr. Bradley a great deal for his efforts. I offer this word of appreciation on your behalf.

## F.U.A. Jr. Camp Has Fishy History

Investigation has at last revealed the origin of the name Gold Eye Lake. According to Gerald Schuler and Gerald Hutchinson, who called on an Indian Reservation near Gold Eye Lake last week, the name is of recent coinage.

Gerald Schuler, assistant director of F.U. & C.D.A., and Jr. F.U.A. president Gerald Hutchinson spent two days at Gold Eye Lake last week to check the camp

over at the end of its season, and to drain water and sewage lines before freeze-up. They also made an expedition to the nearby Stony Indian Reservation to find out what they could of the camp site's history.

According to Gerald Schuler, the Indians reported that about 40 years ago, the Blackfoot Indians called the lake "Chum Tum Nay" meaning Pine Tree Lake. About 1940, the Fish and Game people put two containers of gold eye trout into the lake. From then on, the Indians in the district began to call it "Ho Um Day," or Gold Eye Lake. Gerald Schuler is not sure how accurate this information is. He says as far as he knows, no gold eye have been taken from the lake since the camp was established there.

## Camp Improvements

Progress is reported from several areas at the camp. Among them are the steps which have been built on the slope up from the swimming area to the main pavilion, new lawns of creeping red fescue are sown around the main buildings, and the sand which has now been hauled to a stock pile near the swimming area. This will be spread in the ice later to improve the beach for swimmers. Much of this has been the work of Morley Bradley, camp caretaker.

● ANTHONY HILL handled the catering for the wedding of FUA president Ed Nelson's daughter Patsy on October 12.

● POLLECKVILLE has decided to send \$5 to U.S.C., \$10 to C.N.I.B., and \$5 to A.C.W.W. The local plans to hold a bazaar October 25.

● ROSALIND plans to tour the new Vocational High School in Camrose.

● CHINOOK will collect and send clothing to the Unitarian Service Committee.

● MARWAYNE is to sponsor a Co-op Baking Demonstration October 23.

● WANG has donated \$10 to the Canadian Mental Health Association. Also at their October meeting, \$25 was earmarked for the Gold Eye Lake camp.

● H.H. FOUR POINT plans to hold a turkey dinner October 19. This local has made a \$10 donation to Central Office, and a \$5 gift to A.C.W.W.

● ROSYTH has elected Elsie DeWald president, and Vivian Robinson secretary for the coming year. On October 18, the local sponsored a "Harvesters' Dance" in the Rosyth Hall. Christmas gifts will be sent to the Canadian Mental Health Association. A parcel of clothing will go to the Salvation Army.

Here's an easy way if cutting particularly moist fresh bread or cake so it won't crumble. Heat a thin-bladed knife by dipping it in boiling water for a few minutes, then wipe the blade before cutting.

school and the population generally. And the Basic Dividend? This one is based not on the potential, but the meagre fact of current incomes. These are taxed to pay welfare and unemployment recipients what amounts to a Basic Dividend, at the expense of others' purchasing power.

—South Edmonton Sun

## FARM FORUM CORNER

with Jim McFall

Alberta Farm Forum Secretary

Alberta's Farm Radio Forum members and other interested organizations saw the season's plans get underway on September 30 and October 1. During this time, four meetings were held throughout the province. These were attended by Rodger Schwass, National Farm Radio Forum secretary; and Larry Gosnell, CBC Farm Forum producer, both of Toronto, as well as myself, the Alberta secretary.

On Monday morning, the Alberta Wheat Pool was host to representatives from its organization, from the United Grain Growers, the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Women's institutes, in Calgary. As at all the two days' events the purpose was

to gain knowledge of what forum members, and special participants, expect and want to hear from the broadcasts; and what services are required from both the national and provincial offices.

Monday evening's session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevenett, Innisfail, was a tremendous success. About 35 members, representing six forums, were present. Special guest was Rev. A. Bell of the Anglican Church. Discussions of the forthcoming topics were most sincere and encouraging to those responsible for the programs and guides.

Tuesday morning was Edmonton's turn for activity. At this meeting, spokesmen for the Farmers' Union of Alberta, Farm Women's Union, F.U. & C.D.A., Department of Agriculture, Alberta Women's Institute and the Warden Farm Forum of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain were present. Mr. Bentley, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, attended and spoke to the gathering. He advised, "The C.F.A. is deeply involved in Farm Radio Forum . . . and very interested in the results which come out of the discussions." He stressed the fact other countries are looking to Canada for advice in setting up their own farm forums, and we should be constantly aware of this fact."

The grand finale came that same evening at Vegreville when 30 forum members and Mr. Boles of Federated Co-operatives met at the Alberta Hotel. A good discussion of the true meaning of farm forum resulted. As at the other gatherings, the determination to swell the number of forums was evident.

F.U.A. locals are strongly urged to use this media of rural adult education and enquiries should be made to the Secretary, Alberta Farm Radio Forum, 521 Northern Hardware Building, Edmonton.

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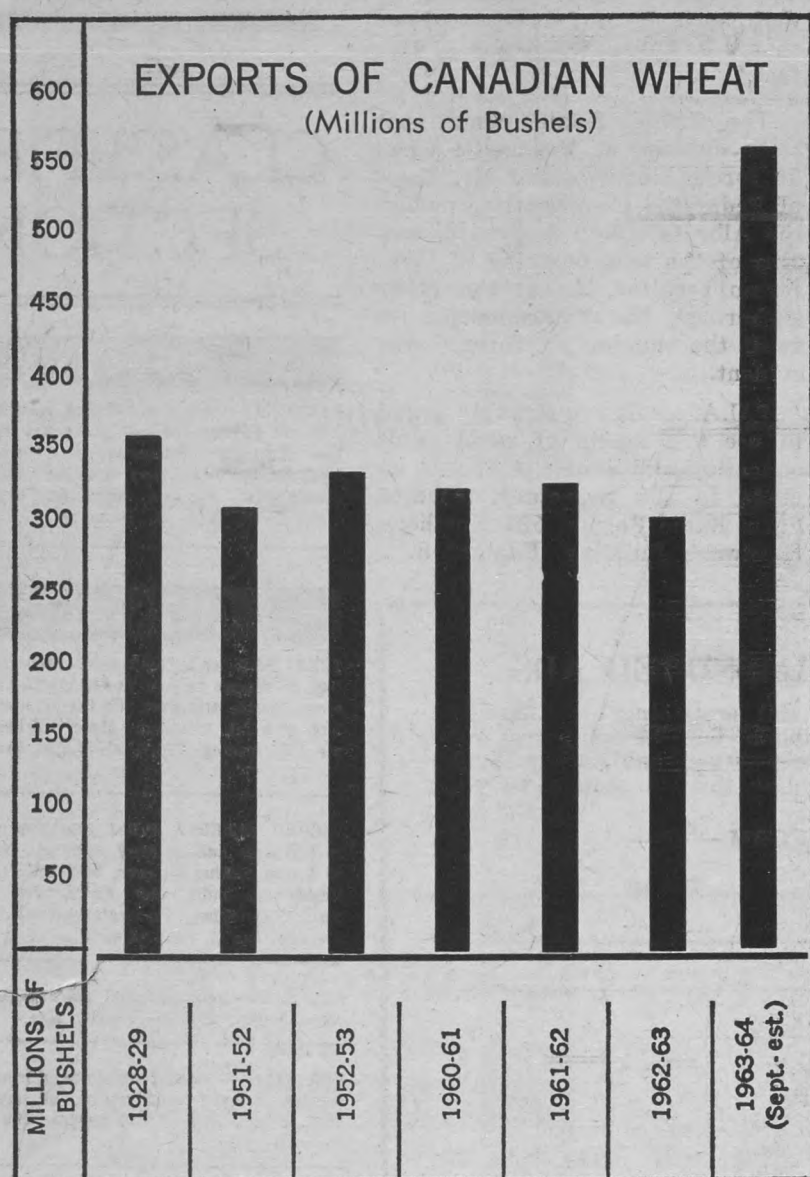




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For the rest of this crop year, Western Canadians must make a special effort to move wheat from the farms to the ships of our overseas customers. This effort is the responsibility of farmers, grain handling companies, railroads, and The Canadian Wheat Board.

There is no precedent for the size of the job. The chart at the left shows wheat exports for the record year (1928-29) and for the next 4 highest export years. In none of those years did we contract to move nearly as much wheat as we must export this year. In fact, the 1963-64 estimate exceeds the former record by almost 55%.

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This might mean that some of you will have to deliver grain during the hardest part of the winter. It is very important that this grain leaves country positions before the end of June; otherwise, there might not be time for it to reach the terminals.

On behalf of all wheat growers, I urge you to deliver your grain as soon as quotas are raised and as space is made available.

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